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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CANADIAN SECSTATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
DONALD JAMIESON TO MEXICO

REF: MEXICO 5406

1. DEPUTY DIRECTOR FRASER, LATIN AMERICAN DIVISION IN GOC
DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CONFIRMED THAT JAMIESON
WILL VISIT MEXICO FOR SEVERAL DAYS BEGINNING APRIL 24. HE
IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH GOM OFFICIALS INCLUDING
PRESIDENT ON APRIL 26.

2. CONTRARY TO INFORMATION PROVIDED BY BRANSCOM, CANADIAN
DCM IN MEXICO (REFTEL), FRASER VOLUNTEERED THAT GOC IS
MODIFYING ITS POLICY ON TRILATERAL RELATIONS. JAMIESON'S
BRIEFING BOOK CALLS FOR HIM TO TELL MEXICANS THAT CANADA
"WILL EXAMINE" ANY MEXICAN SUGGESTIONS FOR "NORTH
AMERICAN UNITY". HE CONFIDENTIALLY ADDED THAT, IN FACT,
IF U.S. AND MEXICO SHOULD CONCLUDE THAT INCREASED TRI-
LATERAL RELATIONS WOULD BE VALUABLE, CANADA WOULD GO ALONG.

3. PROBLEM FACING GOC IS UNCERTAINTY THAT ANY TRILATERAL
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RELATIONSHIP CAN BE VERY PRODUCTIVE. AS FRASER POINTED
OUT, CANADIAN-MEXICAN RELATIONS ARE RATHER MINIMAL; ONLY
SUBJECTS OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST ARE SUCH THINGS AS TOURISM,
CONVENTIONS AND NARCOTICS. THERE IS, HOWEVER, LONG-RANGE
POSSIBILITY FOR INCREASED COOPERATION IN ENERGY MATTERS.

4. ACCORDING TO FRASER, JAMIESON WILL NOT GO MUCH BEYOND

THESE SUBJECTS SINCE CANADA-MEXICO JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE THIS YEAR. (FYI: FRASER WAS REFERRING TO BI-ANNUAL MEETING OF TOP CANADIAN AND MEXICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.) JAMIESON WOULD PREFER TO LEAVE SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS TO THAT COMMITTEE.

5. SUBSEQUENT TO CONVERSATION WITH FRASER, JAMIESON TOLD

US HE IS PUZZLED BY WHAT MEXICANS HAVE IN MIND REGARDING TRILATERALISM, BUT HE IS WILLING TO LISTEN TO THEIR IDEAS ON THIS SUBJECT. HE GAVE US IMPRESSION HE DOES NOT EXPECT MUCH TO DEVELOP IN THIS AREA. ENDERS

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